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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH KING FAISAL

1. NOVEMBER 12 WASHINGTON POST CARRIES FOLLOWING REPORT
DATELINED RIYADH AND ENTITLED "FAISAL LECTURE". QUOTE:
SAUDI ARABIA'S KING FAISAL MAY NEVER AGAIN OPEN ARAB OIL
TAP TO LEVEL PRIOR TO OCTOBER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, ACCORDING
TO THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA, OIL EXPERT
JAMES E. AKINS.

"WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ONE COLD WINTER BUT MANY COLD
WINTERS TO COME," WARNED AKINS, WHO PRESENTED HIS CREDEN-
TIALS TO THE KING LAST WEEK AND WAS GIVEN A BLISTERING ONE-
HOUR DIATRIBE FROM THE KING. IT WAS, HE SAID LATER, "NOT
ENTIRELY A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE FOR ME."

AKINS, WHO HEADED THE OFFICE OF FUELS AND ENERGY IN THE
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STATE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO HIS AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT,

SAID FAISAL EMPHASIZED THAT FUTURE PRODUCTION INCREASES WILL BE DISCUSSED ONLY IN THE "RIGHT POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE," AFTER ARAB LANDS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION RESOLVED.

"I AM AN OLD MAN," AKINS WAS TOLD BY FAISAL, 69 AND A DEVOUT MOSLEM. "BEFORE I DIE, I WANT TO PRAY IN THE MOSQUE OF OMAR" IN JERUSALEM, HE SAID. END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED REPORT OF AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH KING FAISAL DURING NOVEMBER 7 PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS QUERIES, WE PLAN TO SAY THAT WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON THIS STORY. RUSH

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